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AMEND Senate Bill No. 151*

House Bill No. 381

by deleting subdivision (4) in § 55-54-103 and substituting instead the following:

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(A)

(i) The vehicle is covered by primary automobile liability insurance in at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per incident for death, bodily injury, and property damage, and the automobile liability insurance satisfies the requirements of § 56-7-1201.

(ii) Insurance required by subdivision (4)(A)(i) may be:

(a) Placed with an insurer authorized to do business in this state under title 56 or with a surplus lines insurer eligible under title 56, chapter 14;

(b) Covered by a surety bond executed and filed with the commissioner of safety; or

(c) Satisfied in accordance with § 55-12-111.

(iii) Insurance satisfying the requirements of this subdivision (4)(A) shall be deemed to satisfy the financial responsibility requirements for a motor vehicle under chapter 12 of this title.

(B) This subdivision (4) is deleted on July 1, 2021.

(C) No later than February 1, 2020, the commissioners of safety and commerce and insurance shall submit a joint report to the transportation and safety committee of the senate and the transportation committee of the house of representatives, which report shall make recommendations, including the



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appropriate rationale and any proposed legislation, on whether the insurance and bonding coverages and coverage amount requirements of this subdivision (4)(A) should be increased, decreased, extended, or otherwise amended.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting § 55-54-106 and substituting instead:

No political subdivision may by ordinance, resolution, or any other means prohibit or regulate within the jurisdictional boundaries of the political subdivision the use of:

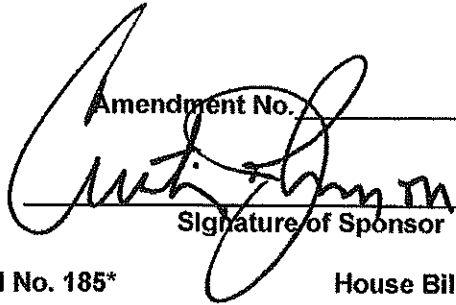
- (1) An ADS-operated vehicle that is operating in compliance with this chapter and otherwise complies with all laws of the political subdivision; or
- (2) A motor vehicle operated at any level of autonomous technology, as defined by § 55-9-105(c)(6)(B), not otherwise included in this chapter.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the second sentence from § 55-54-109 and substituting instead the following:

For motor vehicles operated at any other level of autonomous technology, as defined by § 55-9-105(c)(6)(B), the motor vehicle and driver shall be held to the same laws as conventionally operated motor vehicles, including the financial responsibility requirements of § 55-12-102, unless an exemption is specifically set out for a vehicle operated with any level of autonomy.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting § 55-54-105 and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 17 and renumbering the remaining section accordingly.

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 185*

House Bill No. 142

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1002, is amended by deleting subdivision (h)(1) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1) To make expenditures for nursing facility services under the TennCare program for FY 2017-2018 at the full rates for the specified fiscal year as set in accordance with § 71-5-105(a)(3)(B)-(D);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1003, is amended by deleting subdivision (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c) The total aggregated amount of assessments for all nursing facilities from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, shall equal four and three-quarters percent (4.75%) of the net patient service revenue. The total aggregated amount of assessment for all nursing facilities, and the annual assessment determined for each nursing facility, shall be established on July 1st of each year. Once established, neither amount shall vary during each fiscal year. Each nursing facility shall have an annual assessment amount that shall be determined as follows:

(1) Any licensed nursing home that is licensed on July 1, 2017, for fifty (50) beds or fewer shall pay an assessment rate equal to three percent (3%) of net patient service revenue, divided by all non-medicare days. The facility shall pay the per diem rate for each of its non-medicare days;

(2) Any licensed nursing home that on July 1, 2017, operates as part of a continuing care retirement community shall pay an assessment rate equal to



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three percent (3%) of net patient service revenue, divided by all non-medicare days. The facility shall pay the per diem rate for each of its non-medicare days;

(3) Any licensed nursing home providing fifty thousand (50,000) or greater medicaid patient days for the twelve (12) months ending December 31 of the prior year shall pay an assessment of two thousand two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$2,225) per licensed bed per year. The facility shall pay the per bed rate on all beds licensed as of July 1 of each year. This annual nursing home assessment fee, the high-volume medicaid threshold, or both can be modified if necessary to meet the redistribution test of 42 CFR 433.68(e)(2);

(4) Any new nursing home facility that is initially licensed and commences operations after July 1, 2017, shall pay in FY 2017-2018 a prorated assessment equal to two thousand two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$2,225) per licensed bed per year, prorated to accrue from the date the nursing facility became certified to participate in TennCare. The change in ownership of an existing licensed facility shall not meet the requirements of this subdivision (c)(4);

(5) Any licensed nursing home not meeting the criteria of subdivisions (c)(1)-(4) shall pay an equal per facility annual assessment amount at such amount as is necessary to ensure that the total aggregated amount of assessment for all nursing facilities from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, shall equal four and three-quarters percent (4.75%) of the net patient service revenue, when such total aggregated assessment amount is established on July 1st of each year;

(6) Any excess collections of per facility annual assessments above the targeted four and three-quarters percent (4.75%) of the net patient service revenue shall be retained in the nursing home assessment trust fund account created under this part. Should actual collections of per facility annual assessments not equal the targeted four and three-quarters percent (4.75%) of the net patient service revenue, any shortfall may be made up from funds in the

nursing home assessment trust fund account created under this part, or from other appropriations to the TennCare program; and

(7) Any facility that ceases to be licensed by the department of health shall not be required to pay assessment fees accruing after the date of its licensure termination.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1004, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) Upon enactment of the assessment fee pursuant to this part, the bureau of TennCare shall make increased payments to nursing facilities for FY 2017-2018 as part of a transition to a full acuity-based reimbursement system.

(b)

(1) During FY 2017-2018, the bureau of TennCare shall make a supplemental transitional payment to nursing facilities for the transition to an acuity-based reimbursement system, which exceeds the amount of nursing home medicaid rates, in the aggregate, as calculated in accordance with the approved state medicaid plan in effect on July 1, 2017.

(2) The total aggregated amount of funds available for this supplemental payment shall be equal to the difference between:

(A) The aggregated amount of nursing home trust fund assessments scheduled to be paid by all nursing homes during FY 2017-2018; and

(B) The total amount of nursing home privilege tax paid by all nursing homes during FY 2013-2014.

(c) The supplemental transitional payments shall be allocated as follows, in consultation with the Tennessee Health Care Association:

(1) Thirty-three and one third percent (33⅓%) allocated in the same manner as the FY 2014-2015 acuity payment;

(2) Thirty-three and one third percent (33⅓%) allocated strictly based on medicaid day-weighted CMI score; and

(3) Thirty-three and one third percent (33⅓%) allocated based on quality measures adopted by the bureau of TennCare and the Tennessee Health Care Association.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1005, is amended by adding at the end of subsection (b) the following language:

However, § 71-5-1413 shall constitute the exclusive authority for rulemaking by the bureau of TennCare regarding the transition to an acuity-based nursing home reimbursement system when both acuity and quality supplemental transition payments as described in § 71-5-1004 are transitioned into the medicaid per diem rates of that nursing home reimbursement system.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1006, is amended by deleting in subsection (c)(1) the date "July 1, 2016" and substituting instead "July 1, 2017".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1413, is amended by deleting subsection (e) and substituting instead the following:

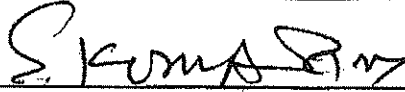
(e) When both acuity and quality supplemental transition payments as described in § 71-5-1004 are transitioned into the medicaid per diem rates of the nursing home reimbursement system, the bureau of TennCare is authorized to adopt rules necessary to implement a new nursing home reimbursement system, subject to the following limitations:

(1) Any rules promulgated by the bureau of TennCare under this subsection (e) shall be developed in consultation with the comptroller of the treasury and with the Tennessee Health Care Association; and

(2) Any rules or regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5; provided, however, that the bureau of TennCare shall not promulgate emergency rules under this subsection (e) as authorized in § 4-5-208.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1227

House Bill No. 901*

by deleting subdivision (f)(1)(E) of Section 1, as amended, and substituting instead the following:

(E) Develop exemptions from the prior authorization requirements of subdivisions (f)(1)(B) and (f)(1)(C) for enrollees with medical conditions, including chronic opioid conditions or other circumstances, as determined by the bureau of TennCare, that justify a longer period of use or a higher dosage of opioids.



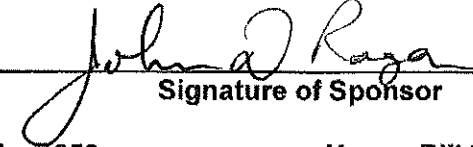
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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1250

House Bill No. 438*

by deleting all language after the caption and substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, energy is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of this State and to the workings of the State economy; and

WHEREAS, it is in the State's best interest to support the development of a reliable and adequate supply of energy for Tennessee that is secure, stable, and predictable in order to facilitate economic growth, job creation, and expansion of business and industry opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is also in the State's best interest to support the exploration, development, and production of domestic energy supplies, preferably from the resources within the State or region and most certainly from within the country; and

WHEREAS, state government has a duty to protect and preserve the State's natural resources, cultural heritage, and quality of life and, above all, the public health and safety of its residents during the exploration, development, and production of domestic energy resources; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that this State provide the basis for development of a long-range unified energy policy to encompass comprehensive energy resource planning and efficient management of existing energy resources in relation to economic growth, to effectively meet an energy crisis, to encourage development of alternative sources of energy that are capable of achieving a positive benefit-to-cost ratio, and to ensure efficient utilization of energy resources in a manner consistent with assuring a reliable and adequate supply of energy for Tennessee,



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including active support and collaboration with the federal government to ensure access to the nation's energy resources; and

WHEREAS, the development of a unified domestic energy policy for the State of Tennessee as part of a nationwide effort for increased domestic energy production is paramount to our national security and economic growth and stability; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-240(a), is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() State energy policy council, created by § 68-204-101;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, is amended by adding the following language as a new chapter:

68-204-101. There is created the state energy policy council, to be administratively attached to the office of the comptroller of the treasury.

68-204-102. For the purposes of this chapter, "council" means the state energy policy council.

68-204-103.

(a) The council is created to advise and make recommendations to the governor and to the general assembly on how to:

- (1) Identify all state energy resources to ensure a secure, stable, and more predictable energy supply;
- (2) Manage the use of energy resources; and
- (3) Increase domestic energy exploration, development, and production within the state and region, with the goal of promoting economic growth and job creation while ensuring the protection and preservation of the state's natural resources, cultural heritage, and quality of life.

(b) The council shall have the following general duties and responsibilities:

(1) Compile an annual report assessing the energy sector in this state, including the opportunities and the constraints presented by various uses of energy, to facilitate the expansion of the domestic energy supply, and to encourage the efficient use of all such energy forms in a manner consistent with state energy policy;

(2) Develop an ongoing comprehensive state energy policy plan to achieve maximum effective management and use of present and future sources of energy. The policy plan may include energy efficiency, renewable and alternative sources of energy, research and development into alternative energy technologies, and improvements to the state's energy infrastructure and energy economy, including smart grid and domestic energy resources, including, but not limited to, natural gas, coal, hydroelectric power, solar, wind, nuclear, and biomass;

(3) Create an annual energy policy plan that recommends:

(A) Necessary energy legislation to the governor and to the general assembly;

(B) The promulgation of necessary rules to regulatory boards charged with administering this title; and

(C) The implementation and modification of energy policy, plans, and programs as the council considers necessary and desirable;

(4) Continually review and coordinate all state government research, education, and management programs relating to energy matters;

(5) Educate and inform the general public regarding any energy matters; and

(6) Actively engage in discussions with federal government agencies and leaders to identify opportunities to increase domestic energy supply within this state.

(c) The council shall serve as the central energy policy planning body of the state and shall communicate and cooperate with federal, state, regional, and local bodies and agencies for the purpose of affecting a coordinated energy policy.

68-204-104.

(a) The council shall be comprised of thirteen (13) members as follows:

(1) The governor or the governor's designee shall serve as an ex officio, voting member of the council;

(2) The governor shall appoint:

(A) One (1) representative of energy resource extraction or energy production industries, excluding the Tennessee Valley authority, who may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested energy resource extraction or energy production industries including, but not limited to, the biofuel, oil and gas, wind, coal, solar energy, geothermal energy, hydropower, and nuclear energy industries. The governor shall consult with the industries listed in this subdivision (a)(2)(A) to determine qualified persons to fill the position on the council;

(B) One (1) representative of a commercial, industrial, or agricultural energy consumer; and

(C) One (1) representative of an institution of higher education in this state;

(3) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint:

(A) One (1) representative of the energy research and development industry, who may be selected from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested research and development industries, including, but not limited to, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The speaker shall consult with the industries described in this subdivision (a)(3)(A) to determine qualified persons to fill the position on the council;

(B) One (1) representative of the Tennessee Valley authority;

(C) One (1) representative of a local distribution utility; and

(D) One (1) representative of a transportation-related industry;

including, but not limited to, wholesalers, transportation equipment manufacturers, shipping companies, and local transit authorities;

(4) The speaker of the senate shall appoint:

(A) One (1) residential energy user;

(B) One (1) representative of environmental groups, including, but not limited to, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy; and

(C) One (1) representative who is knowledgeable of and has expertise in energy efficiency and energy conservation as it relates to the built environment, who may be selected from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested parties from the engineering and architectural professions in this state. The speaker shall consult with the professions described in this subdivision (a)(4)(C) to determine qualified persons to fill the position on the council;

(5) The state treasurer or the treasurer's designee shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the council; and

(6) One (1) nonvoting student member with expertise in energy issues and energy policy, who, during the person's tenure as a member of the council, is enrolled as a graduate student in an institution of higher education in this state. The student member shall be appointed by the council from nominations submitted by university faculty members at such institutions.

(b) In addition to any other requirements for membership on the council, all persons appointed or otherwise named to serve as members of the council shall be bona fide residents of this state, and shall continue to reside in this state during their tenure on the council.

(c)

(1) All appointments to the council shall be made by July 1, 2017.

(2) In order to stagger the terms of the newly appointed council members, initial appointments shall be made as follows:

(A) The members listed in subdivision (a)(2) shall serve initial terms of one (1) year, which shall expire on June 30, 2018;

(B) The members listed in subdivision (a)(3) shall serve initial terms of two (2) years, which shall expire on June 30, 2019; and

(C) The members listed in subdivision (a)(4) shall serve initial terms of three (3) years, which shall expire on June 30, 2020.

(3) The student member appointed pursuant to subdivision (a)(6) shall serve a term of two (2) years, but shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as a member of the council.

(d)

(1) Following the expiration of members' initial terms as prescribed in subdivision (c)(2), all three-year terms shall begin on July 1 and terminate on June 30, three (3) years thereafter.

(2) All members shall serve until the expiration of the term to which they were appointed and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(3) In case of a vacancy in the membership on the council prior to the expiration of a member's term, a successor shall be appointed within thirty (30) days of the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term by the appropriate appointing authority and in the same manner as the original appointment.

(e) The appointing authorities may remove any member of the council for misconduct, incompetency, willful neglect of duty, or other just cause.

(f) Prior to beginning their duties, each member of the council shall take and subscribe to the oath of office provided for state officers.

(g) In making appointments to the council, the appointing authorities shall strive to ensure that the council is composed of persons who are diverse in professional or educational background, ethnicity, race, sex, geographic residency, heritage, perspective, and experience.

68-204-105.

(a) The chair of the council shall be appointed by the governor from among the council's membership and shall call the first meeting of the council. The chair shall serve in that capacity for one (1) year and shall be eligible for reappointment. The chair shall preside at all meetings and shall have all the powers and privileges of the other members.

(b) Each member, upon expiration of the member's term, shall continue to hold office until a successor is appointed.

(c) A majority of those members serving on the council shall constitute a quorum.

(d) Members appointed pursuant to § 68-204-104(a)(2)-(4) shall be eligible for reappointment to the council following the expiration of their terms, but shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive three-year terms.

(e) Members shall receive no compensation for their service on the council, but shall be reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties in accordance with the state comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the commissioner of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

(f) The council shall adopt and implement a conflict of interest policy for its members. The policy shall mandate annual written disclosures of financial interests, other possible conflicts of interest, and an acknowledgement by council members that they have read and understand all aspects of the policy. The policy shall also require

persons who are to be appointed to the council to acknowledge, as a condition of appointment, that they are not in conflict with the conditions of the policy.

68-204-106.

(a) To facilitate the work of the council and for administrative purposes, the chair of the council, with the consent and approval of the members, shall organize the work of the council to carry out the requirements of this chapter and to ensure the efficient operation of the council.

(b) The council shall:

(1) Adopt its own rules of procedure;

(2) Meet quarterly, with members to be physically present at a minimum of two (2) quarterly meetings each calendar year. Members may also participate by teleconference call, provided that all other requirements of this subdivision (b)(2) are met. Emergency meetings may be called by the chair or upon petition by a majority of the council, with written notice being given to all members; and

(3) Make nonsubstantive policy relating to the administrative operation of the council.

68-204-107.

(a) The council may request information from any state officer, office, department, commission, board, bureau, institution, or other agency of the state and its political subdivisions that is deemed necessary to carry out the requirements of this chapter. All officers and agencies shall cooperate with the council and, to the extent permitted by law, furnish any information to the council that it may request.

(b) To assure the adequate development of relevant energy information, the council may request energy producers and major energy consumers, as determined by the council, to file any reports and forecasts; however, the council may request only specific energy-related information that it deems necessary to carry out its duties.

(c) The council is authorized to apply for and utilize grants, contributions, appropriations, and any other sources of revenue which shall be deposited in the energy policy development resources fund created under § 68-204-109, in order to carry out its duties; however, all applications and requests for grants and other revenues shall be made through and administered by the office of the comptroller of the treasury.

(d) The council may request the office of the comptroller of the treasury to allocate and dispense any funds made available to the council for energy research and related work efforts in such a manner as the council determines; provided, that the funds shall be used in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter.

(e) The council shall be attached to the office of the comptroller of the treasury for administrative matters relating to budgeting, audit, and other related items only. The autonomy and authority of the council are not affected by such attachment, and the office of the comptroller of the treasury shall have no administrative or supervisory control over the council.

(f) All administrative costs of the council, including, but not limited to, the cost of the annual reports required pursuant to § 68-204-108, shall be payable out of any funds allocated to and received by the council.

68-204-108.

(a) The council shall compile, compose, and publish, and transmit to the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives, two (2) annual comprehensive reports as follows:

(1) An annual assessment of the state's energy sector as prescribed in § 68-204-103(b)(1), to be facilitated by the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy at the University of Tennessee; and

(2) A report to create a comprehensive state energy policy plan as prescribed in § 68-204-103(b)(2).

(b) The annual assessment of the state's energy sector, as prescribed in subdivision (a)(1), shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The statewide projected growth and development as it relates to future requirements for energy, including patterns of urban and metropolitan expansion, shifts in transportation modes, modifications in building types and design, and other trends and factors which, as determined by the council, will significantly affect energy needs; and

(2) An assessment of growth trends in energy consumption and production, and an identification of potential adverse social, economic, or environmental impacts which may be imposed by a continuation of the present trends, including a rise in energy costs to consumers, significant increases in air, water, and other forms of pollution, threats to public health and safety, and a loss of scenic and natural areas.

(c) The comprehensive state energy policy plan, as prescribed in subdivision (a)(2) shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Recommendations to the governor and the general assembly for additional administrative and legislative actions on energy matters in the context of the current energy sector in this state; and

(2) A summary of the council's activities since the last filing of the energy policy plan, a description of major plans developed by the council, an assessment of plan implementation, and a review of council plans and programs for the coming biennium.

68-204-109.

(a) There is created a special account in the state treasury to be administered by the office of the comptroller of the treasury and to be known as the energy policy development resources fund, referred to in this section as the "energy resources fund."

(b) The comptroller may disburse moneys in the energy resources fund to the council for the following purposes:

- (1) Developing the comprehensive state energy policy plan, as prescribed in § 68-204-103;
- (2) In furtherance of the purposes of this chapter; and
- (3) To offset the cost of administering this chapter.

(c) A grant from the energy resources fund shall be disbursed in an annual amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). It is the legislative intent that the annual amount be appropriated each fiscal year in the general appropriations act for awarding a grant.

68-204-110.

(a) Nothing in this chapter amends or repeals in any manner the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative (EESI) of 2008, compiled in title 49, chapter 17, or other provisions of law relating to the energy efficient schools council and its powers, duties, and functions.

(b) Nothing in this chapter applies to the powers, duties, and functions undertaken pursuant to the authority of the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative (EESI) of 2008, compiled in title 49, chapter 17.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of appointing members of the council, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 270

House Bill No. 268*

by deleting the effective date section and substituting instead the following:

SECTION ____ This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare
requiring it, and shall apply to registration plates issued or renewed on or after such
date.



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AMEND Senate Bill No. 270

House Bill No. 268*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-241(a), is amended by adding the following at the end of the subsection immediately preceding the period (.):

; except, that any active volunteer firefighter shall be exempt from the applicable registration fee, motor vehicle privilege tax, and all additional fees imposed for one (1) license plate for one (1) vehicle at the time of initial registration or renewal, upon the certification or sworn statement from the chief of the fire department to which the person is attached confirming the person is an active volunteer firefighter

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-222(d), is amended by adding the following at the end of the first sentence immediately preceding the period (.):

; except, that any active volunteer member of a local rescue squad shall be exempt from the regular license fee, motor vehicle privilege tax, and all additional fees imposed for one (1) license plate for one (1) vehicle at the time of initial registration or renewal, upon the certification or sworn statement from the captain of the local rescue squad to which the person is attached confirming the person is an active volunteer member

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Any owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and who is an active member of a volunteer fire department shall be exempt from the regular



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registration fee imposed pursuant to § 55-4-111, motor vehicle privilege tax, and all additional fees imposed for one (1) license plate at the time of initial registration or renewal, for any one (1) vehicle owned or leased by the firefighter, upon the certification or sworn statement from the chief of the fire department to which the person is attached confirming the applicant is an active volunteer member, and upon compliance with state motor vehicle registration and licensing laws.

(b) Any owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and who is an active member of a volunteer local rescue squad shall be exempt from the regular registration fee imposed pursuant to § 55-4-111, motor vehicle privilege tax, and all additional fees imposed for one (1) license plate at the time of initial registration or renewal, for any one (1) vehicle owned or leased by the member, upon certification or sworn statement from the captain of the local rescue squad to which the person is attached confirming the applicant is an active volunteer member, and upon compliance with state motor vehicle registration and licensing laws.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to registration plates issued or renewed on or after that date.